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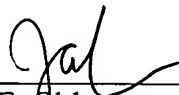
Claims 125-202 are pending.

The present application is a divisional of application serial No. 10/076,571, now allowed.

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for examination on the merits. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

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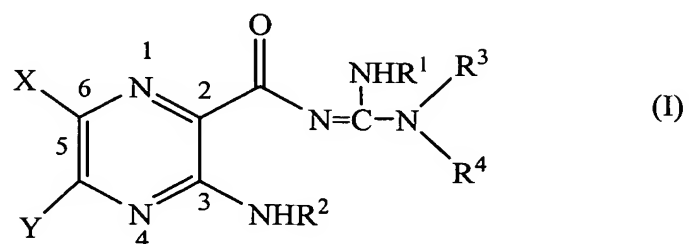
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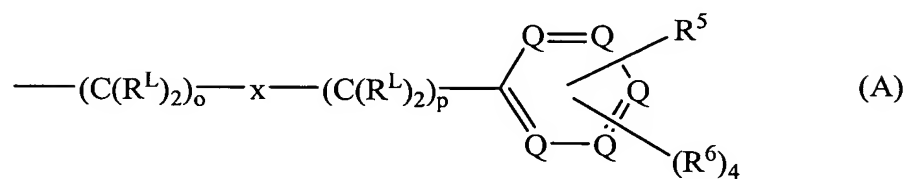
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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLSOURE

The present invention relates to a compound represented by formula (I):



in which at least one of R³ and R⁴ is a group represented by formula (A):



where the structural variables are as defined herein. The compounds are useful for blocking sodium channels.